



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

JOHN F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203-0001

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 10, 1997

Mr. R. G. Chevalier, Vice President
Northeast Utilities System
P.O. Box 270
Hartford, Connecticut 06141-0270

Re: NPDES Reapplication No. MA0005339

Dear Mr. Chevalier:


Your reapplication for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has been reviewed and appears to be complete. You may be contacted for additional information as the permit is developed, should it be necessary to clarify, modify or supplement any previously submitted information. By copy of this letter, your MA Department of Environmental Protection is being furnished a copy of your complete application for certification pursuant to §401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §1341(a)(1).

A draft permit and statement of basis or fact sheet will be prepared by this office and forwarded to you for comment prior to the opening of the public comment period. The draft permit will then be publicly noticed and forwarded for state certification if certification has not previously been received on the application. If it is deemed necessary, a public hearing will be held, in which case, the comment period will be extended until the close of the hearing. After the close of the public comment period, your final permit will be issued providing no new substantial questions are raised. If new questions develop during the comment period, it may be necessary to draft a new permit, revise the statement of basis or fact sheet and/or reopen the public comment period.

The conditions of your present permit will continue in force until your new permit is issued and becomes effective since you have filed a timely and complete application. 40 C.F.R. §122.6, 48 Fed. Reg. 14158 (April 1, 1983).

Should you have any questions concerning the permit issuance process, do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 565-3563.

Sincerely,


Olga T. Vergara
Environmental Specialist
Municipal Assistance Unit

cc: MA Department of Environmental Protection



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